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(Re: the location of Indian General Hospital.)

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B.T. Kesavaiengar,

S. ABDULWAHID,

Revenue Commissioner. and

Civil Liaison Officer.

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NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,

Dated Bangalore, November...12th... *19* 42

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My dear Mehkri,

I herein enclose a copy of letter No. 156/2/147/Q dated 7-11-1942 addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore by the H. Q., 160 L of C, Sub Area, Bangalore (copy sent to me) re: the location of Indian General Hospitals, for favour of information of Government.

Yours Sincerely

Subs

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To

Mothamed ul Mulk

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,

Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

No.156/2/147/4/Q
H.Q. 160 L of C Sub Area,
11 Adv. Base Post Office,
7th Nov. 42.

SECRET.

To

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Subject:- LOCATING OF HOSPITALS - 160 L OF C SUB AREA.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that this H.Qrs. has been called upon to find sites for the accommodation of two Indian General Hospitals, each of a strength of 1,000 beds for Patients, and carrying a Staff of approximately 450. All Ranks.

2. The siting of these Hospitals is difficult, as there are many limiting factors which restrict the selection of sites. A breif appreciation of the situation is the following;

(a) The strength of Ambulance Cars which would be at our disposal in the event of operations is not yet known, but it would certainly be limited. It is therefore, essential that the Hospitals be sited as near as possible to a railhead and certainly not more than two to three miles away.

(b) For operational reasons they should not be sited on or near to strategic roads.

(c) The Military Engineering Services are at present working to capacity and, in order to limit the amount of constructional work that they will be called upon to carry out in this new Commitment it is hoped to obtain a suitable building, or buildings, that will form the nucleus of at least one Hospital.

3. Having the above considerations in mind, the matter was examined by this H.Qrs. in consultation with H.Q. 105 L of C Area, and the conclusion was formed that it should be represented to the Government of Mysore that the most suitable location for these Hospitals was MYSORE. The views of the Mysore Government in that they were averse to locating Troops in Mysore, were, of course, known, but as the proposal was to locate Hospitals and not training or active Troops in Mysore, it was hoped that no objection would be raised.

4. The matter was duly referred to Mr. KESAVAIENGAR, Civil Liaison Officer, Bangalore. The reply of the Mysore Government was that they were not prepared to agree to the locating of these Hospitals in Mysore, but that a Hospital could be established at BIDADI.

5. It is felt that at the time we did not make our difficulties and requirements fully clear to the Civil Liaison Officer, and the question of suitably locating these Hospitals is now of vital importance. The assistance of the Government of Mysore in this matter would be much appreciated and, remembering the excellent co-operation we have received in the past, it is thought that a Conference between Representatives of the Mysore Government and the Military would satisfactorily solve the problem; the more so if the Dewan could attend on behalf of his Government, together with yourself. Could steps please be taken to arrange such a Conference at an early date?

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Sd. X X X
Lt. Col. Offg.Comd:

To
Mr. B.T.Kesavaiengar,
Civil Liaison Officer,
Bangalore.

Copy.

M. N. Ramaiah
for Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Liaison Officer